



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
HELD IN ROOM 372 OF THE KENNETH HAHN
HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
APRIL 12, 2010



MEMBERS

Reiko Duba
President

Bobbi Jean Tanberg
Vice President

Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Treasurer

Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.
Norma L. Gallegos
Wadie M. Gravely
Ruth Jernigan
Charlotte Lesser
Julie McCarthy Napoleon
Michelle Piñedo
Olivia G. Rodriguez
Jill Tanner
Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.

The meeting was called to order by President Reiko Duba at 10:02 a.m.

Present: President Duba, Vice President Tanberg, Commissioner Becerra-Jones, Commissioner Creary, Commissioner Gallegos, Commissioner Lesser, Commissioner Rodríguez, Commissioner Tanner and Commissioner Ward

Excuse Absent: Commissioner Gravely, Commissioner Jernigan, Commissioner McCarthy-Napoleon

Absent: Commissioner Piñedo

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the Minutes of February 8, 2010.
On motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Tanberg (Commissioners Gravely, Jernigan, McCarthy-Napoleon, Piñedo and Ward being absent), the minutes of February 8, 2010 was unanimously carried.
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II. REPORTS

2. Report of Activities from the Month of February and March 2010.

President Duba submitted a verbal report on the many women breaking records from the Winter Olympics to astronauts in space. She congratulated Commissioner Becerra-Jones, Commissioner Ward and staff on their great work with the Scholarship and Women of the Year events. A timeline of upcoming events was reviewed. There was emphasis on the 12th Annual LA County Run for Health event to be held September 11, 2010 and she reminded all Commissioners to be sure to attend the regular meeting of May 10, 2010. There will be a group picture taken of the Commission.

President Duba requested the Health Committee to report on the Health Care Reform Bill recently signed in to Law.

After discussion, President Duba's verbal report was received (Commissioners Gravely, Jernigan, McCarthy-Napoleon and Piñedo being absent).

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3. Report on the development of the Executive Office's Strategic Plan to standardize Commission Agendas and Minutes to be consistent with the Board of Supervisors.

Rhonda Rangel, Commission Services staff submitted a verbal report of the development of the Agenda and Minutes. After her report, Ms. Sandra Barbee, Chief of Commission Services announced her change in position from the Executive Office to the Office of the Treasurer and Tax-Collector. She thanked the Commission for Women for their support. Commissioner Duba and the Commission wished her well. No action was taken by the Commission.

4. Treasurer's Report of Activity from the Month of February and March 2010.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones submitted the attached Trust Fund reports. After discussion her reports were received and filed (Commissioners Gravely, Jernigan, McCarthy-Napoleon and Piñedo being absent).

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5. Update report from the Nominating Committee on the status of nominations for the 2010-2011 Commission Board Elections.

Commissioner Creary reported the due date for submitting nominations for the upcoming Board seats would be today. Commissioners were encouraged to submit their nominations to staff by midnight, April 12, 2010. All nominations will be reviewed during the month of May. There will be a teleconference for the Nominating Committee members, Thursday April 15, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.

6. Update report on the Domestic Violence Briefing Breakfast scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2010 as submitted by Commissioner Rodriguez.

Commissioner Rodriguez encouraged all Commissioners to attend this worthwhile event and support the different agencies in each their District. She will contact committee members in hopes of a teleconference meeting prior to the event. No action was taken by the Commission.

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7. Report on the Third District Community Meeting as submitted by Commissioners Gallegos and Ward.

Commissioners Gallegos and Ward met with Third District representatives Lorraine Wheeler and Flora Gil Krisiloff and submitted possible topics to be discussed at the Third District community meeting. Commissioner Lesser suggested the Communication Committee gather previous community meetings for use as reference to gain District support for the next community meeting. Therefore, it was unanimously carried to reschedule this year's Third District community meeting to fiscal year 2010.

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8. Report on the Scholarship Reception and Orientation held on February 16, 2010 as submitted by Commissioner Becerra-Jones.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones submitted her report and suggested the Commission start the selection process earlier in order to have the reception and orientation in January. Emma De Jesus, staff, stated 80% of the recipients have submitted all requested information.

During discussion, Commissioner Creary suggested the Education Committee look at requiring applicants to attend the scholarship reception and orientation.

Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

After further discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

9. Report on the 25th Annual Women of the Year Luncheon held on March 8, 2010 as submitted by Luncheon Awards Committee

Commissioner Ward stated the whole event was a wonderful representation of the Commission for Women. Pictures taken at the event were passed around for viewing. Commissioner Duba requested an accounting of funds from the event will be submitted at the May 10, 2010 meeting. No action was taken by the Commission.

10. Report on the Annual 5K Run/Walk scheduled for September 11, 2010 as submitted by President Duba and Commissioner Lesser.

President Duba had no report to submit but announced to all Commissioners that there will be a 5K Committee meeting immediately following today's meeting. All Commissioners were encouraged to attend.

11. Committee Reports as submitted by the Communications Committee and Health Committee

Commissioner Tanberg reported on the March 24, 2010 teleconference meeting held by the Communications Committee. At the meeting, the committee thanked Commissioner Tanner for providing a DVD presentation viewed at the Women of the Year event. Additional copies for the Commission were distributed. Developments of the website will be submitted to the Commission as it becomes available.

Commissioner Lesser reported on the April 5, 2010 teleconference meeting held by the Health Committee as well as several upcoming events.

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Commission community outreach and announcements submitted by Commissioners Creary and Becerra-Jones were received and filed.

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III. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

12. Set Item for Presentation on Operation Confidence and the United We Serve Fair at 10:15 a.m.

Consuella Mackey, Executive Director of Operation Confidence submitted a presentation to request support from the Commission for the United We Service Fair in conjunction with President Barak Obama's "Bringing Our Community Together" campaign. Ms. Mackey responded to questions posed by the Commission.

After discussion, Ms. Mackey was requested to return to the Commission with the full scope of her program for full consideration at the May 10, 2010 meeting (Commissioners Gravely, Jernigan, McCarthy-Napoleon and Piñedo being absent).
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13. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioners Creary and Jernigan: Approve the purchase of two tickets in an amount not to exceed \$500 for the 2010 Jenesse Center Silver Rose Awards to be held on Sunday, April 18, 2010.

Commissioner Creary submitted an overview of the event and responded to questions posed by the Commission. After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Ward (Commissioners Gravely, Jernigan, McCarthy-Napoleon and Piñedo being absent) the item was approved.
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14. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Piñedo: Approve to purchase up to two tickets in an amount not to exceed \$400 to the 2nd California Mental Health Advocacy Conference to be held April 15 and April 16, 2010.

On motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Creary, (Commissioners Gravely, Jernigan, McCarthy-Napoleon and Piñedo being absent) the item was approved.

15. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Gallegos: Approve the donation of \$1,000 to the Youth Policy Institute for the 6th Annual Mother's Day event to be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

Commissioner Gallegos gave an overview of the event and responded to questions posed by the Commission. After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Gallegos, seconded by Commissioner Tanberg (Commissioners Gravely, Jernigan, McCarthy-Napoleon and Piñedo being absent) the item was approved.
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16. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Gallegos: Approve the donation of \$1,000 to the 2010 MENDIng Poverty Conference to be held June 16, 2010.

Florence Greene, Vice President of IdeaEncore Network and MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity) Conference Co-Chair responded to questions posed by the Commission and gave an overview of MEND and the focus of moving people out of poverty through a series of workshops at the event.

During discussion, the following recommendations were submitted by members of the Commission for MEND to:

- Include in the publication of MEND, information regarding the Los Angeles County Commission for Women;
- Earmark the funds donated by the Commission specifically to women or organizations serving women; and
- Include some focus on Women within the Conference program to provide community information for women.

Lastly, the Commission recommended a report be submitted after the conference of what knowledge was captured from the conference to groups that were and were not able to attend the conference. The report should build on specific issues learned at the conference and address development measures on where success can occur within the community.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Tanberg, seconded by Commissioner Becerra-Jones (Commissioners Gravely, Jernigan, McCarthy-Napoleon and Piñedo being absent) the item was approved with the aforementioned recommendations.
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17. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Tanberg: Approve the revised Statement of Expertise Form for those Commissioners interested including individuals to the Commission talent bank.

On motion of Commissioner Tanberg, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, (Commissioners Gravely, Jernigan, McCarthy-Napoleon and Piñedo being absent) the item was approved.
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18. Recommendation as submitted by President Duba: Approve to endorse at no cost to the Commission, Denim Day in L.A., to be presented by Peace Over Violence (formerly LACA AW) on April 21, 2010.

Commissioner Lesser recommended the Commission develop an endorsement list to be approved annually as one motion by the Commission to allow proper participation at each event. Commissioners were encouraged to submit their list to staff no later than July for review by full Commission.

Therefore, on recommendation by Commission Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Creary (Commissioners Gravely, Jernigan, McCarthy-Napoleon and Piñedo being absent) the item was approved with Commissioner Lesser's recommendation.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

19. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that are within jurisdiction of the Commission.

Geneviève Clavreul addressed the Commission and provided articles for the Commission.

20. Matters Not on the Posted Agenda (to be presented and placed on a future Agenda)

- 20A. Recommendation as requested by President Duba: Report by Health Committee on the Health Care Reform Bill recently signed in to Law.

- 20B. Recommendation as requested by the Commission: Report on full scope of United We Serve Fair for consideration of endorsement by the Commission at the May 10, 2010.

- 20C. Recommendation as requested by Commission Tanberg and Becerra-Jones: Report by MEND on 2010 MENDING Poverty Conference of knowledge captured with specific issues learned at the conference including but not limited to development measures on success within the community.

- 20D. Recommendation as requested by Commissioner Lesser: Review of submitted endorsement lists by Commissioners to Commission staff for the meeting of July for review by full Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.